benefits are to be secured by the mere display of 100,000 men and without actual hostilities.

If possible I shall delay till September, and then strike hard.

(To Maret.) We must gain time. To gain time without making Austria hostile we must stick to our text of the last six months, that we can do anything provided Austria is our ally.

4th. The armistice was signed to-day at two in the afternoon.

6th, Liegnitz:

(To General Count Bertrand.) I have received your letter. It is true that I was not satisfied with the way in which you drew up your troops, nor with the way in which you evacuated the plateau in front of Jauer, when you had not more than 22 battalions in your front, while you had Pegri's and Morand's divisions still intact. On more than one occasion you have shown conspicuous talent, but war can be conducted only with energy, decision, and constant resolution; there must be no experimenting, no hesitation. Maintain strict discipline, and when you go into action show confidence in your men.

7th, Hagenau:

(To the Empress Maria Louisa.) *Madame et chtire Amie:* I have received the letter in which you inform me that you received the Archchancellor while still in bed: my will is that, in no circumstance, for no reason whatever, should you receive any one whomsoever while still in bed. It is not permissible until past the age of thirty.

(To the Countess of Montesquiou.) I am pleased to hear that my son is growing and continues to give bright